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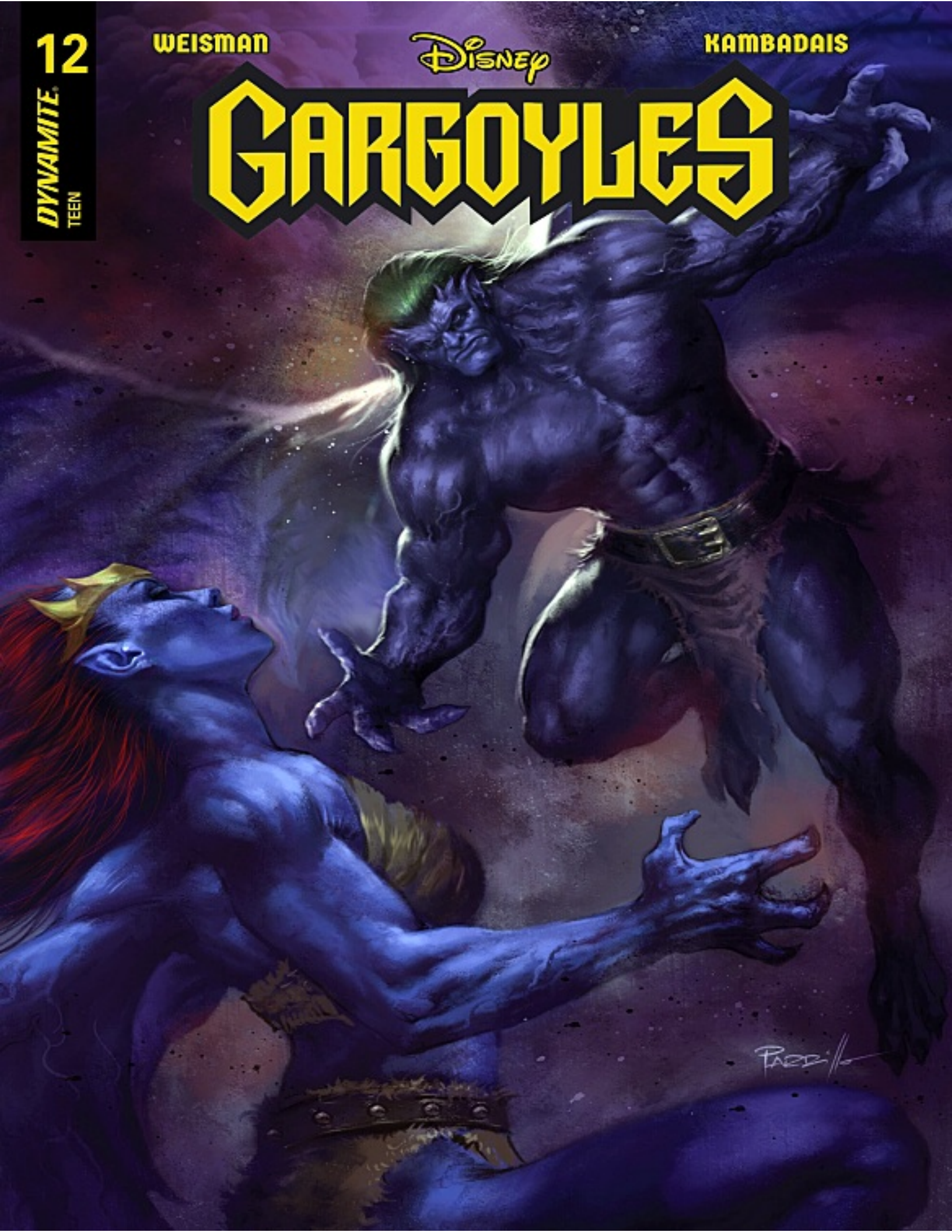
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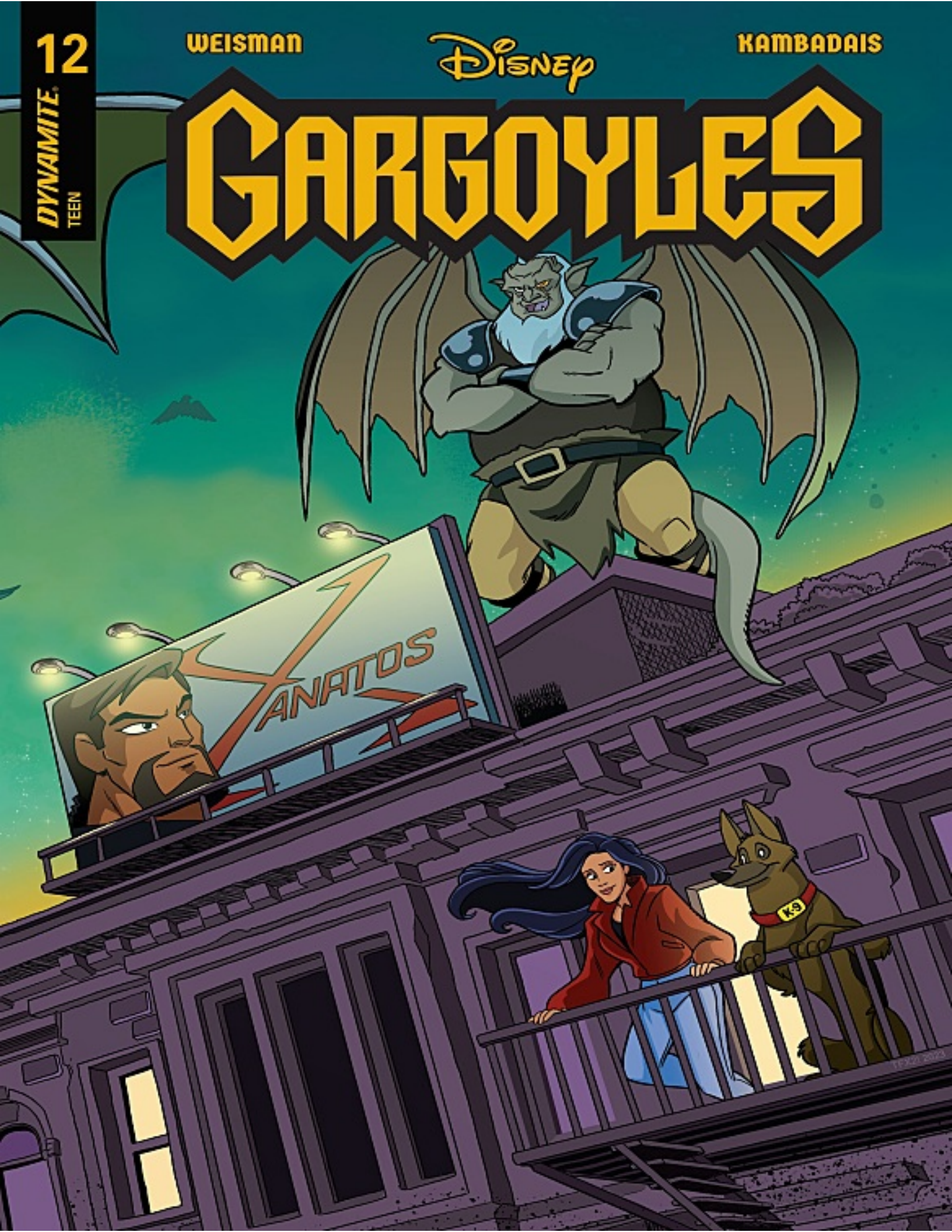
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STONE BY DAY, WARRIORS BY NIGHT

WE WERE BETRAYED BY THE HUMANS
WE HAD SWORN TO PROTECT, FROZEN IN STONE
BY A MAGIC SPELL FOR A THOUSAND YEARS

NOW, HERE IN MANHATTAN, THE
SPELL IS BROKEN, AND WE LIVE AGAIN

WE ARE DEFENDERS OF THE NIGHT

WE ARE GARGOYLES

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AS YOU KNOW, I AM COLDSTONE, AN UNDEAD THING, REVIVED BY SCIENCE AND SORCERY...
...BLOODLESS AS I AM, I WISH I COULD BE MORE SANGUINE ABOUT OUR CURRENT SITUATION.
THE HUMANS HAVE GRANTED US A VICTORY OF SORTS--
--THOUGH I HESITATE TO PUT TOO MUCH FAITH IN THEIR LARGESSE.
BUT, FAITH OR NO FAITH, IT IS CLEAR THIS IS A CRITICAL MOMENT IN TIME FOR WE FEW...
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HERE IN MANHATTAN

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GOLIATH, OUR LEADER, OUR RHYDDERCH, RETURNED TRIUMPHANT...
...HIS FAITH IN HUMANITY'S GOOD WILL SEEMINGLY CONFIRMED.
WHILE BROOKLYN, GOLIATH'S SECOND, RETURNED WITH SON AND BROTHERS...
...CLEARLY HAVING MET WITH SOME SUCCESS OF THEIR OWN.
ELISA!
GOLIATH!
STAUNCH WORK ON THAT TRIAL, LAD!
THE CLAN IS UNITED AGAIN. IT IS WELL.

HOW'D THE MISSION GO?
SUCCESSFULLY, IT APPEARS.
ARE YOU KIDDING? WE ROCKED IT!
THRASHED THE BAD GUYS!
SAVED THE HOSTAGES!
IT WAS PRETTY GREAT.

GOLIATH, WE NEED TO TALK.
AGREED. HOWEVER--
=HUH=
KRTCCCHH
=SIGH= HOWEVER...
...IT'LL JUST HAVE TO WAIT.

PAPI, I'M TELLING YOU THE TRUTH...
I DON'T THINK YOU'RE HEARING ME, AUNTIE...
PETE WAS FORCED TO POSE FOR THAT "INSURANCE" PICTURE BY THE MEN WHO KIDNAPPED US BOTH.
WHAT MEN?
ROSIE WAS FORCED TO POSE FOR THAT "HOSTAGE" PICTURE BY THE MEN WHO KIDNAPPED US BOTH.
WHAT MEN?
I DON'T KNOW. MEN IN GARGOYLE MASKS. BUT THEY WEREN'T GARGOYLES...
NO CLUE. BUT IT WAS THE REAL GARGOYLES THAT SAVED US.
HM. I NEED TO CONTACT SLAUGHTER...
...TELL HIM HIS SUMMIT IS ON.

THAT DID NOT GO AS PLANNED...
SLAP
...AND THOSE GARGOYLES ARE STARTIN' TO TICK ME OFF.
SO, WHAT'S YOUR NEXT MOVE, BOSS?
HM. FIVE FAMILIES. SIX GANGS.
SURE, SURE. US, SLAUGHTER, CHOI, SANCHEZ, VOLKOV AND BROD'S PEOPLE.
BUT WE'RE FORGETTING-- MANHATTAN HAS A SEVENTH-- THE COPS.
IF THE OTHER FIVE HIT THE N.Y.P.D., THE COPS'LL HIT BACK. HARD.
A FRAME JOB? YEAH, WE CAN MAKE THAT PLAY...
...BUT WHAT ABOUT THE EIGHTH GANG--THE GARGOYLES? THEY'RE THE REAL PROBLEM.
WORKIN' ON THAT. FOUND A GUY. ONE WHO HATES THOSE CREEPIES MORE THAN US EVEN...
...NAME'S CASTAWAY. JOHN CASTAWAY.

WHAT ABOUT SLAUGHTER'S SUMMIT?
PAL JOEY CAN TAKE D.D. TO REPRESENT THE FAMILY. YOU CAN HANDLE THAT, RIGHT, POP?
WHAT...?
YEAH! OF COURSE, I CAN HANDLE IT. DON'T INSULT ME.
DON'T WORRY, UNCLE DINO. I'LL WATCH OUT FOR POP-POP AT THE SUMMIT.
SEE, THAT'S JUST IT, KID. I'M KINDA FOND A YA...
...SO, DON'T GO ANYWHERE NEAR THAT SUMMIT, CAPICHE?

RROOOAAARRR
BROTHER, MAY WE SPEAK?

THERE'S A QUESTION WE'VE BEEN MEANING TO ASK YOU THREE...
AND ONE WE WISHED TO ASK ALL OF YOU, AS WELL.
UH, YOU GO FIRST...
WELL, UM, GNASH, HERE, WAS BORN ON THE ROAD, SO TO SPEAK...
KATANA AND I WERE THE ONLY PARENTS AROUND, MEANING HE'S KINDA STUCK WITH ONLY US.
YEAH, LUCKY ME.
BUT IT WILL BE DIFFERENT FOR THIS ONE...
...AND WE TRULY DESIRE FOR ALL THREE OF YOU TO JOIN US AS HER OR HIS ROOKERY PARENTS.
WOW...
REALLY?
WE'D BE HONORED.
HI, GANG. WHAT'D I MISS?
OH, ELISA! I'M GLAD YOU'RE HERE...
I'M HOPING YOU AND KATANA WOULD BE MY SECONDS AT MY COMMITMENT CEREMONY...?
UM... SURE...
OF COURSE.
...I DON'T NEED WINGS FOR THAT, DO I?
AND I WAS HOPING YOU'D BOTH SECOND FOR ME?
YOU KNOW IT!
BROTHER, I CANNOT WAIT.

SOMETHING TROUBLES YOU, BROTHER.
INDEED. I FEAR WE TREAD A DANGEROUS PATH...
...ALLOWING THE HUMANS TO DEFINE SUCCESS OR FAILURE FOR THE CLAN.
WHAT IF THEIR VERDICT HAD GONE AGAINST YOU?
WOULD YOU TRULY HAVE BEEN CONTENT TO LANGUISH IN THEIR DUNGEONS?
YOU CEDED CONTROL TO A POTENTIAL ENEMY. IS THAT HOW A RHYDDERCH LEADS?
PERHAPS... NOT. BUT I FELT THE NEED TO TEST MY BELIEF IN THE POSSIBILITY OF--
GOLIATH...
...WE REALLY NEED TO TALK.
I AM SORRY, BROTHER. SHE IS CORRECT. BUT YOU AND I WILL CONTINUE THIS SOON.
AND SO, ANOTHER HUMAN TOOK HIM AWAY!
NO. THAT IS UNFAIR. THEIR LOVE IS REAL. I HAVE BORNE WITNESS TO THAT. AND YET...

THE ACT OF HUMAN AFFECTION SEEMS TO PRECLUDE THIS TALK WE MUST HAVE.
ONLY BRIEFLY. I'VE MISSED YOU.
AND I, YOU.
KNOW THAT WHAT YOU SAID ON THE STAND...I CANNOT BEGIN TO DESCRIBE WHAT IT MEANT TO ME...
...BUT I FEAR THE REPERCUSSIONS YOU WILL FACE.
THEY DON'T MATTER. I KEPT THAT SECRET TOO LONG.
WHAT ARE YOU NOT TELLING ME?
SUSPENSION?!
NOT MUCH. CAPTAIN CHAVEZ IS DECIDING HOW LONG MY SUSPENSION FROM THE FORCE WILL LAST.
IT'S ALL RIGHT. AT LEAST SHE'S NOT FIRING ME.
"FIRING" YOU?!
SHE DOESN'T WANT TO DO THAT. OR I DON'T THINK SHE DOES.
A LOT MAY DEPEND ON HOW YOU RESPOND TO THE N.Y.P.D.'S OFFER...
OFFER? WHAT OFFER?
GOLIATH...
...WE NEED TO TALK. NOW.

ANTOINETTE DRACON'S *INTELLIGENCE* WAS SURPRISINGLY *COMPREHENSIVE*...
...HER UNCLE HAD PLACED TIMERED *BOMBS*...
...AT THE *FIVE* POLICE PRECINCT HOUSES...
...LOCATED CLOSEST TO THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE *FIVE* GANGS WITH WHICH HE WAS IN CONFLICT.
FORTUNATELY--THOUGH AT NO LITTLE *RISK* TO THEMSELVES--
--MEMBERS OF THE CLAN WERE ABLE TO ACHIEVE THE RAPID *EXTRACTION* OF EACH DEVICE...
...NOT TO MENTION THEIR RELATIVELY HARMLESS *DETONATIONS* OVER THE CITY'S RIVERS.

BOOM
BOOM
WABOOM
IS IT THE FOURTH OF JULY, ALREADY?
NO, POP-POP. IT'S STILL ONLY MAY.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE, ANYWAY? I THOUGHT PAL JOEY WAS TAKING ME TO THIS.
I DECIDED I COULD DO A BETTER JOB.
LET'S GET STARTED, A'IGHT?
THANK YOU FOR COMING TO THIS EMERGENCY SUMMIT...
...I THINK YOUR ATTENDANCE DEMONSTRATES WHAT WE ALL KNOW--
--THAT THIS OLD-STYLE GANGLAND MESS WE GOT OURSELVES INTO IS BAD FOR BUSINESS...
...AND ONE WAY OR ANOTHER, IT HAS TO STOP.

OH, YOU GOTTA BE KIDDIN' ME...
KRISH
WAIT! WAIT! HOLD YOUR FIRE!!

BROTHER?
SCANNING...
EXPLOSIVE DEVICE LOCATED. SCANNING FOR VULNERABILITIES...
VULNERABILITY DECTECTED.
K-CHK
ZAK
SZZZT
EXPLOSIVE DEVICE NEUTRALIZED.
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CLEARLY, THESE... "RIVALRIES" MUST CEASE.
EXACTLY WHAT I WAS SAYING. BUT THAT WAS BEFORE--
BEFORE WE LEARNED THERE WAS A BOMB IN THE ROOM YOU CHOSE, SLAUGHTER?!
HEY! IZAAK HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH THAT!
OBVIOUSLY, WITHOUT OUR INTERVENTION, NONE WOULD HAVE SURVIVED, INCLUDING YOUR HOST.
STILL. MAYBE NOT THE BEST TIME TO TALK PEACE...
INDEED. IT SEEMS PRUDENT TO DEPART, TABLING THIS DISCUSSION FOR ANOTHER DAY.
OR MAYBE WE FINISH THIS NOW!
YEAH, BUT NOT THE WAY YOU MEAN. THE GARGOYLE GANG HEREBY CALLS AN END TO ALL HOSTILITIES.
THAT'S NOT YOUR CALL TO MAKE, CHRLIC!
I THINK IT IS...
...THE SANCHEZ AND CHOI FAMILIES OWE US...

...YOU BOTH KNOW WE RESCUED YOUR LOVED ONES...
...AND WE SAVED SLAUGHTER, TOO.
GOLIATH DID PROTECT MY BROTHER TONY AT RIKERS...
YEAH. BROD, TOO.
SO, DO YOU GANGSTERS HONOR YOUR DEBTS OR DON'T YOU?
HEY, HEY! I DON'T OWE YOU GARGOYLES SQUAT! YOU GOT MY BOY ARRESTED AGAIN!!
LET ME BE CLEAR...
...WE ARE NOT HERE TO MAKE FRIENDS...
...AS SOON AS THIS CONFERENCE ENDS, MY CLAN WILL CONTINUE TO DO EVERYTHING IN OUR POWER...
...TO PROTECT THIS CITY FROM YOUR CRIMINAL ENTERPRISES.
BUT RIGHT HERE, RIGHT NOW, OUR AGENDAS ALIGN. WE ALL WANT AND NEED THE INFIGHTING TO STOP.
I CAN STOP IT.

AH, AH, AH. NO ONE MOVE. THIS GIZMO HAS A DEAD MAN'S SWITCH...
...IF MY FINGER LEAVES THIS BUTTON, WE ALL GO BOOM...
...CREATURES NOT EXCLUDED!
DON'T KNOW HOW YOU GARGOYLES ALWAYS KNOW WHERE TO BE TO MESS UP MY PLANS--
OR... MAYBE I DO.
STILL...WAY I FIGURE IT, I CAN TOSS THIS THING INSIDE, WHILE DIVING BACK INTO THE RIVER.
THE WATER'S DISGUSTING, BUT I'LL SURVIVE--
--THOUGH I CAN'T SAY THE SAME FOR ANY OF YOU.
THAT INCLUDE ME, SON?

TAKE OFF THAT MASK.
SURE, POP. NOT MUCH POINT IN IT NOW.
I *LOVE* YOU, *DINO*. BUT I'M *DISAPPOINTED*. THIS IS *NOT* THE WAY *DRACONS* DO BUSINESS.
YOUR OLDER BROTHER *ANTHONY* WOULD *NEVER* BEHAVE THIS WAY--
ANTHONY?! ANTHONY?!! GOLDEN BOY ANTHONY?!!!
ANTHONY'S DEAD, POP!! I KNOW BECAUSE I'M THE GUY WHO TOOK HIM OUT!!

GOLIATH SIGNALLED ME, BUT I WAS ALREADY SCANNING THE DEVICE FOR VULNERABILITIES...
...I NEED NOT HAVE BOTHERED.
GUESS IT'S BEST YOU LEARNED THE TRUTH BEFORE THE END, HUH, POP?
WHOSE END, DINO?

WA-BOOOMM
NO SIGN OF DINO DRACON WAS EVER FOUND...

THE DRACON FAMILY, ACKNOWLEDGING ITS CURRENT WEAKENED STATUS...
"...CEDED CERTAIN TERRITORIES TO THE BROD/DANE GANG.
"IN RETURN, DANE AND THE OTHERS AGREED TO PAY THE DRACONS A TEN PERCENT TITHE ON ALL REVENUE..."
"...AS DOMINIC DRACON--A MAN WHOSE HISTORY, DEMEANOR AND ACTIONS WERE RESPECTED BY ALL...
"...AGREED TO ONCE AGAIN BECOME PATER FAMILIAS TO ALL SIX FAMILIES."
I THINK I'M A LITTLE LOST, KID. WHAT JUST HAPPENED?
THEY WERE PAYING THEIR RESPECTS, POP-POP. THAT'S ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW.
OKAY, TONI. SOUNDS GOOD.
DON'T CALL ME TONI.
SO, MY GRANDFATHER RUNS THE GANGS. AND WITH TONY AND DINO OUT OF THE PICTURE...
...I RUN MY GRAND-FATHER.

IN THE NIGHTS THAT FOLLOWED, I MADE A HALF-HEARTED ATTEMPT TO RESUME MY CONVERSATION WITH GOLIATH...
"...BUT THERE WERE TOO MANY DISTRACTIONS--
"--AS GOLIATH SOON ACCEPTED THE N.Y.P.D.'S OFFER TO JOIN THE GARGOYLES TASKFORCE...
"...A MUCH-PUBLICIZED POLITICAL EVENT TO DEMONSTRATE THAT GARGOYLES ARE ALLIES, NOT ENEMIES.
"AND IN EXCHANGE FOR HIS NEWLY-PLEDGED LOYALTY...
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"...DETECTIVE MAZA RECEIVED WHAT SHE CALLED 'A SLAP ON THE WRIST'--
"--A FOUR-MONTH SUSPENSION WITHOUT PAY."
GOLIATH BELIEVES HIS ACTIONS WILL HELP PROTECT MANHATTAN. BUT I BELIEVE...
...HE HAS MERELY FURTHERED THE SURRENDER OF HIS HONOR AND AUTHORITY TO THE HUMANS.

...EVERY-THING TRANSPIRED EXACTLY AS YOU PREDICTED...
...NOW, THE GANGS OF NEW YORK ARE YOURS.
...YOU WERE RIGHT ABOUT IT ALL...
...SO, AS LONG AS THE CLAN REMAINS UNHARMED, I WILL SECRETLY SERVE YOUR CAUSE, SISTER.
WAS THERE EVER ANY DOUBT?
HERE IN MANHATTAN
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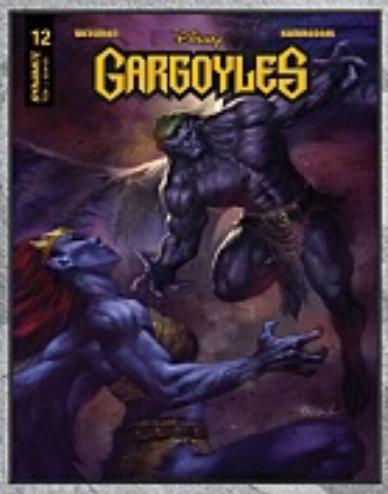

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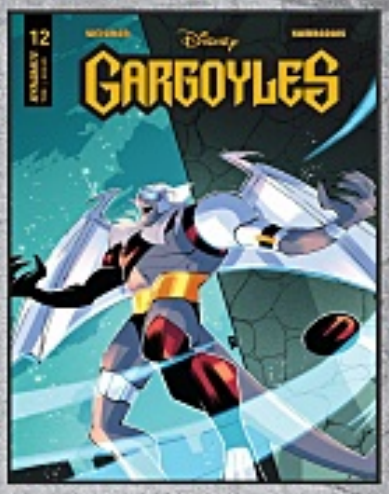

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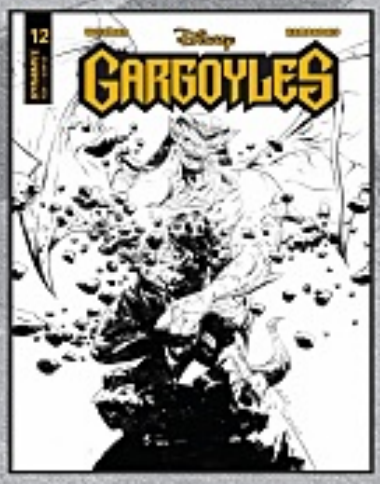

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